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Quail, grouse, wild ducks, wild turkeys, moose, elk, deer, bears, and the elusive trout and bass in their native habitats, are featured players in the new 1-reel motion picture "Forest Fires--or Game?" just released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The film was warmly praised at a pre-release showing before a special audience of foresters and representatives from the various bureaus of the department and from the Bureau of Fisheries and the American Forestry Association, both for its timely message and for its unusual fish and game scenes.

This film, arranged and sponsored by the Forest Service and made and distributed by the Office of Motion Pictures, Extension Service, shows how protected forests provide homes for game birds and animals and other wild life and for trout and bass in protected mountain streams, and how forest fires and destructive logging methods destroy these homes and, together with unrestricted hunting and fishing, make restocking necessary.

One sequence shows how a State game department cares for fawns which are caught when young, held in corrals, and fed until large enough to ship to understocked areas. Another sequence shows how fish for restocking are raised in a Federal fish hatchery. One sees the fish eggs placed in hatching troughs, the actual hatching scenes, the fish when they have become fry,

and finally the fingerlings ready for shipment to exhausted streams.

The picture was filmed in the mountains of North Carolina and in various national forests and game reservations throughout the United States. It includes much unusual fish and game photography, such as a mother quail on her nest, a mother wild goose and her family, bears climbing up and down a tree, fish eggs in the process of hatching, and various fly-casting scenes.

This film may be borrowed free, except for transportation charges. Reservations for bookings should be made with the Office of Motion Pictures, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Prints made from the department's negatives may be purchased at cost of printing (amounting to about \$27 for a 1,000-foot reel on 35 mm. slow-burning stock) by State forestry and fish and game departments, schools, colleges, boards of education, and other authorized organizations and individuals.

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